GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Felling of Poplar Trees
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of axing of poplar trees in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the recent past;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such trees axed across the State so far and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government has received requests/representations from various quarters to protect felling of the said trees across the State;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests/ representations so far; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect felling of the said trees and protect the livelihood of the people dependent on such trees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) and (b)As per the information received from the Forest department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in compliance of orders of Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and administrative orders, 2,28,36,043 female poplar trees on revenue land and 6,933 trees from forest plantations have been felled in the Kashmir valley.

(c) to (e)No such requests/representations have been received in the Ministry. However, requests/representations have been received by the State Government in this regard. As per the information received from the Forest department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, a review petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir has been filed by the State Government.

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